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Ribbon Cutting Scheduled For New Fire Department Administrative Headquarters

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A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled at 11:00 am Wednesday, February 29th for the new administrative headquarters of the Santa Barbara City Fire Department at 925 Chapala Street. The ceremony is open to the public and will include remarks by Mayor Helene Schneider and Fire Chief Andrew DiMizio.

Originally constructed in the 1930's, the core building has been city owned since the 1950's. For many years, the City of Santa Barbara leased the front or Chapala Street side to tenants who operated an automobile repair business. During this time, the back side of the structure was used by the fire department for fire equipment storage and repair. Upgrades and seismic reinforcement of this existing structure created energy efficient office space for Fire Administration, the Fire Prevention Bureau and modernized the existing department warehouse/storage facility that is accessed from the rear of Fire Station One at 121 W. Carrillo Street. The office space is approximately 4500 square feet and the warehouse is approximately 4400 square feet, for a combined area of just under 10,000 square feet that will support existing and future public safety needs for many years to come.

This project is second and final phase of a Station One/Fire Headquarters seismic reinforcement renovation project which began in 2005 with the acquisition of RDA funding and selection of the Design Team. Phase one which involved the main Fire station was completed in November 2009. Construction began on this phase in May 2011 and was completed in January 2012. The office space features open area design and maximizes the distribution of natural sunlight through multiple skylights and the use of glass office walls. Green building materials and construction techniques were utilized towards a "Silver" LEED designation for the facility.

The \$1,899,000.00 construction project was funded by the Redevelopment Agency of Santa Barbara. The design was done by Krueger, Benson and Ziemer Architects of Santa Barbara and construction completed by the Western Group of Woodland Hills, California.

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